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1. ARTICLE BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, FSFA, MARKO VRHUNEC, IN MAR 20 ISSUE YUGOSLAV REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS MAY FIT INTO MOSAIC OF SOVIET-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS REPORTED IN REFTEL. ARTICLE ENTITLED QUOTE IN STRUGGLE FOR NEW ECONOMIC ORDER UNQUOTE LARGELY DEVOTED TO STANDARD YUGOSLAV-3RD WORLD LINE ON NEED TO BREAK OF OF WORLD QUOTE ECONOMIC CRISIS UNQUOTE AND PAVE WAY FOR NEW ECONOMIC RELATIONS. HOWEVER, IN SPEAKING OF EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES (WHO CHARACTERIZED AS NATURAL ALLIES OF LDC'S) VRHUNEC SAYS, INTER ALIA, QUOTE IN MANILA, FOR FIRST TIME, THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SPECIFICALLY UNDERLINED THAT THEY EXPECTED A FULLER CONTRIBUTION FROM THESE COUNTRIES AND THAT THEY ASSUME A GREATER PART OF THE OBLIGATIONS TO STIMULATE DEVELOPMENT WHICH HAVE BEEN OTHERWISE ACCEPTED BY INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY UNQUOTE.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: WHILE YUGOSLAVA HAVE IN PAST IDENTIFIED NEED FOR MORE SOVIET HELP TO LDC'S, THIS IS ABOUT AS EXPLICIT
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